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Amendment A

Dear Examiner:

This amendment responds to the Office action mailed July 01, 2005 for the subject application, in which Claims 14-20 were indicated as being withdrawn from consideration and Claims 1-13 were rejected. A Petition for One Month Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is being submitted concurrently herewith, including authorization to charge the extension fee of \$120 to Advanced Bionics' Deposit Account.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant affirms the election of the invention set forth in Group I, claims 1-13, drawn to an article.

Applicant respectfully traverses the objection to the specification, regarding incorporation by reference to a foreign publication, for the reasons set forth below.

By way of the present amendment, Applicant has modified the figures as suggested by th Examiner. A reference number in FIG. 1B has been modified to reflect what is

described in the specification. In FIGS. 2A-5A and FIGS. 8A-8B, the legend --Prior Art-- has been added. No new matter has been introduced by way of these amendments.

By way of the present amendment, Applicant has also canceled Claims 3, 9 and 14-20; and amended Claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12. Eleven (11) claims remain pending in the application: Claims 1, 2, 4-8, and 10-13, of which Claims 1 and 8 are independent.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4;

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.